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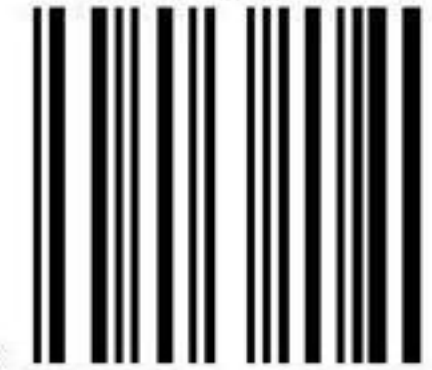
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Welcome to the planet Mobius—a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Sonic and his friends have traveled to the Dragon Kingdom to weaken the Iron Dominion from abroad! Now they come face-to-face with the traitor to the Chaotix—Espio!

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S SIDEKICK

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

SALLY ACORN
DISPLACED PRINCESS

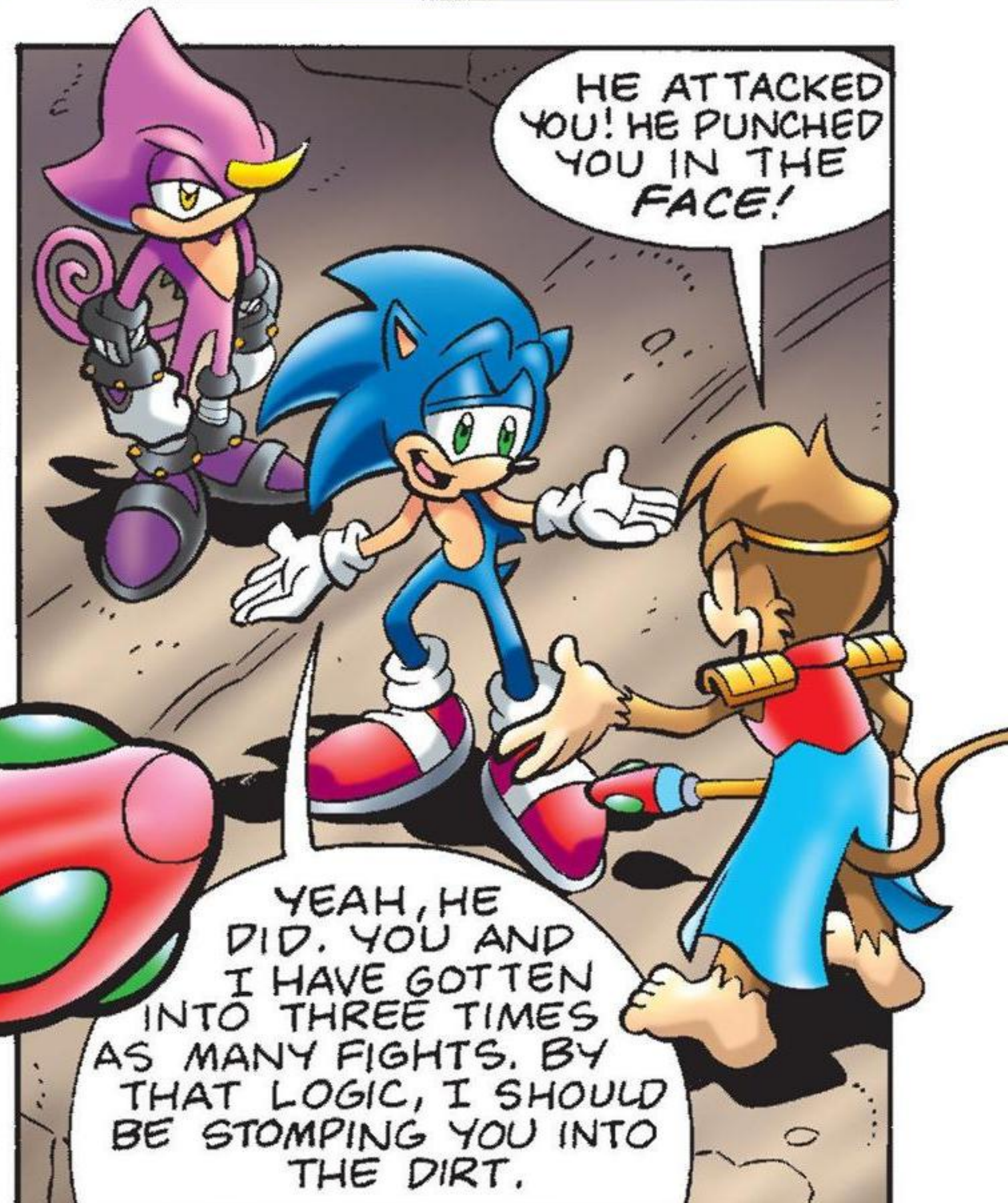
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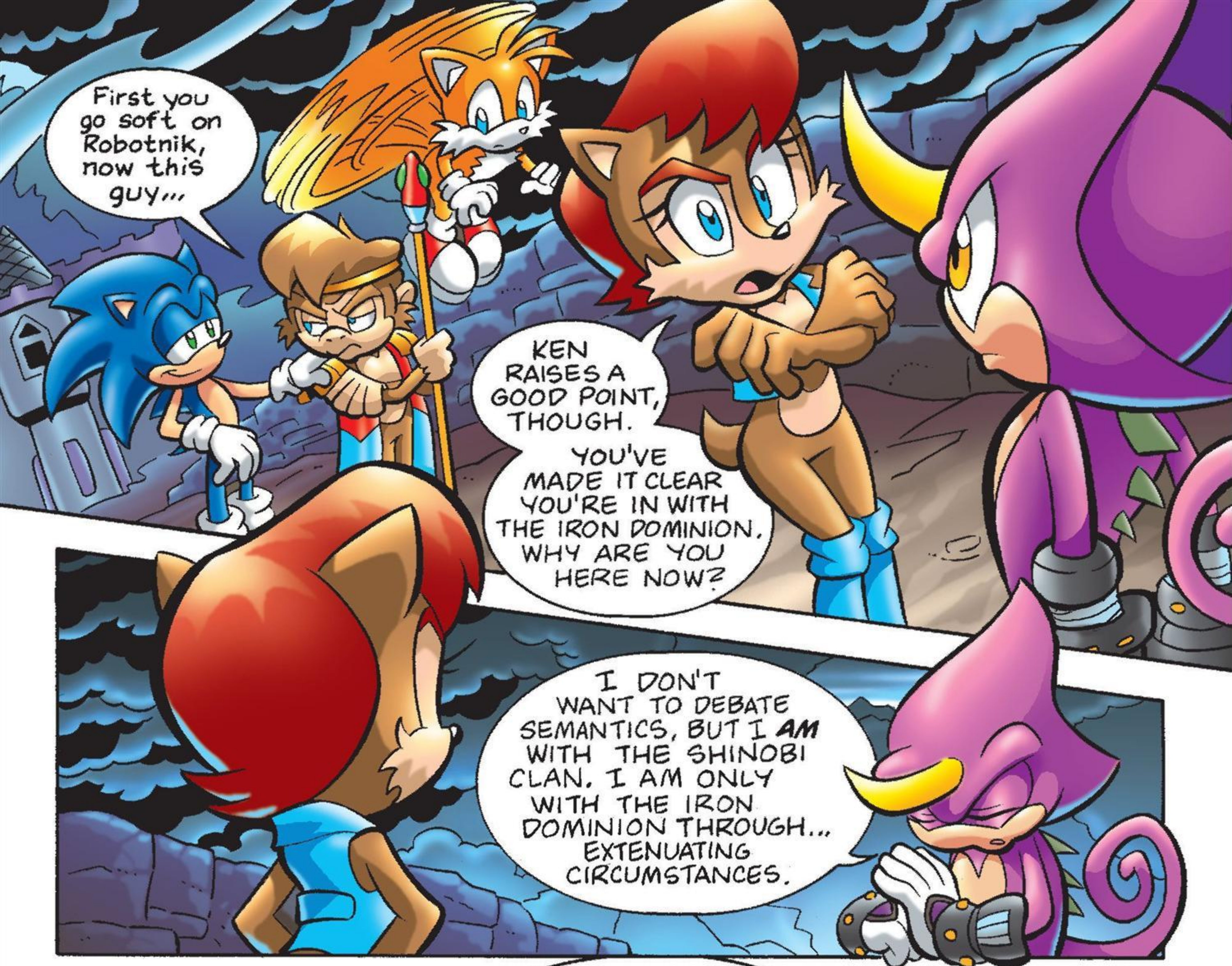
YOU!

ESPIO THE CHAMELEON
EX-CHAOTIX MEMBER

Part Four: Journey to the East
**A World Under
Constant Vigil**

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First you go soft on Robotnik, now this guy...

KEN RAISES A GOOD POINT, THOUGH.

YOU'VE MADE IT CLEAR YOU'RE IN WITH THE IRON DOMINION. WHY ARE YOU HERE NOW?

I DON'T WANT TO DEBATE SEMANTICS, BUT I **AM** WITH THE SHINOBI CLAN. I AM ONLY WITH THE IRON DOMINION THROUGH... EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

KNUCKLES MENTIONED SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES,* BUT HE WASN'T SURE WHAT YOU MEANT.

I AM NOT PERMITTED TO SAY MUCH, BUT MY CLAN LEADER IS WILLING TO REVEAL EVERYTHING.

* HINTS WERE DROPPED IN STH #204!

THE BRIDE OF CONSTANT VIGIL HAS BEEN OBSERVING YOUR EFFORTS IN TRYING TO DISMANTLE THE CLAN OF FOUR HOUSES. I VOLUNTEERED TO GUIDE YOU TO A MEETING WITH HER.







WHAT OTHERS LIKE ME?! I WAS THE ONLY ONE ROBOTNIK MANAGED TO--!

EASY THERE, MONKEY-BOY. WE'VE STILL GOT A CONTINENT TO LIBERATE AND A CITY TO RESCUE, REMEMBER?

SO YOU'VE PROVED YOU'VE GOT DIRT ON ALL OF US. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE TRUST YOU ANY MORE NOW?

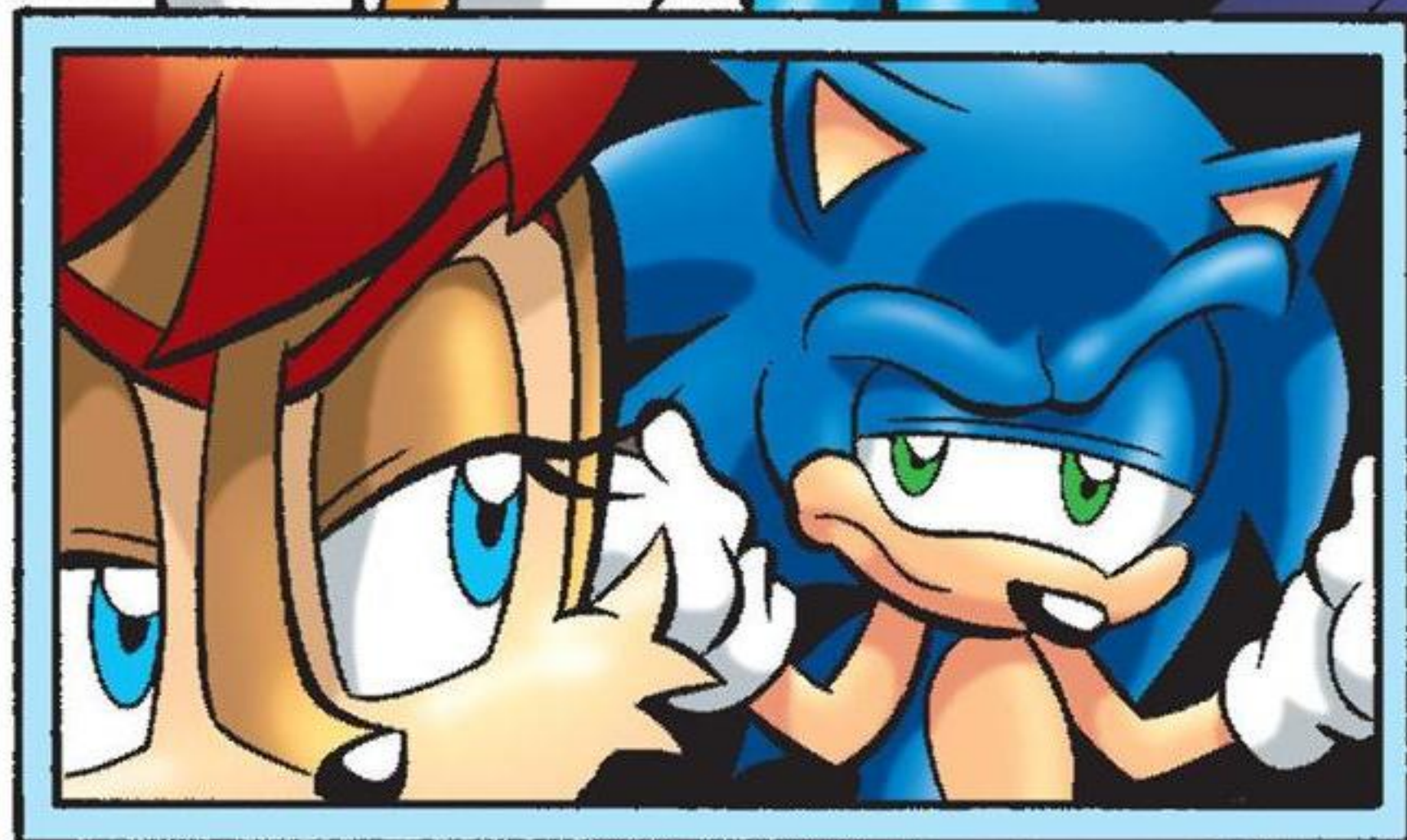
INFORMATION IS EVERYTHING WITHIN MY CLAN. I HAVE LEFT MYSELF ENTIRELY PRONE TO YOU. THE FACT I KNOW ANY OF THESE THINGS JUST COMES FROM DOING MY JOB.

WHICH IS WHAT?

AS I SAID, THE BRIDE OF MY CLAN WILL REVEAL ALL. PLEASE ACCEPT THESE BLIND-FOLDS SO I MAY TAKE YOU TO OUR SECRET HEADQUARTERS.

ALL RIGHT, ESPIO. WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD FOR NOW.

THANK YOU, PRINCESS. I PROMISE YOU WON'T REGRET IT.



LATER...

IT'S BAD
ENOUGH WE'RE
GOING SO SLOW,
BUT I CAN SAFELY
SAY I'M TOTALLY
LOST NOW.

GOOD,
THAT WAS THE
POINT.

WELCOME TO
THE WAY OF THE BLIND.
YOU WILL FIND MY
MASTER IF YOU CAN
REACH THE OTHER
SIDE.



OKAY,
COOL--

WAIT!
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
"IF"?!

I'M
SORRY.
THIS IS OUR
WAY.



ESPIO,
WAIT--!

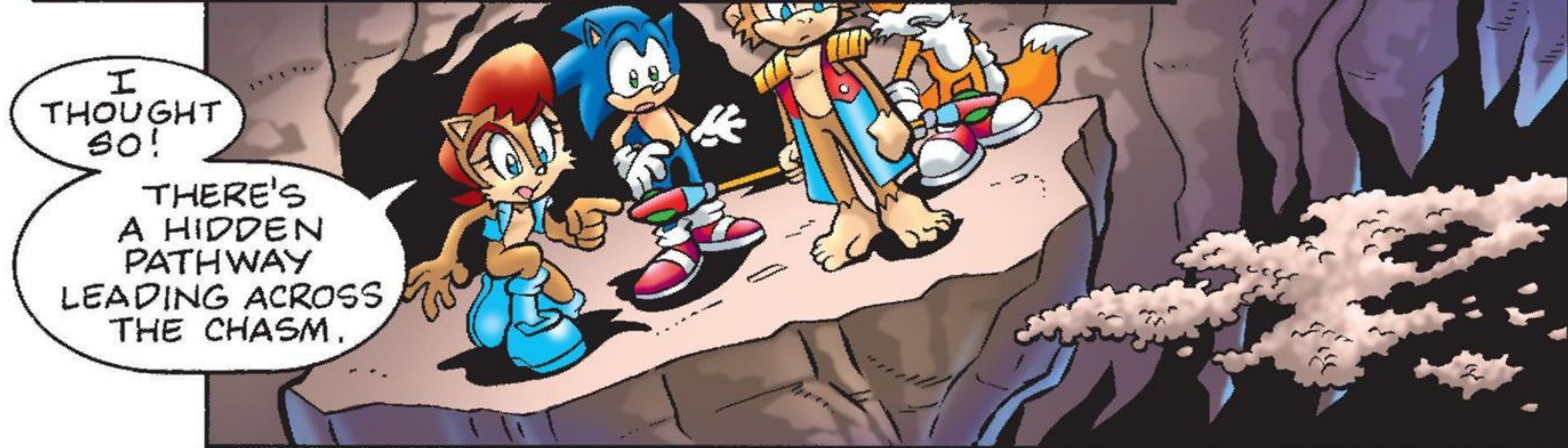
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NINJA,

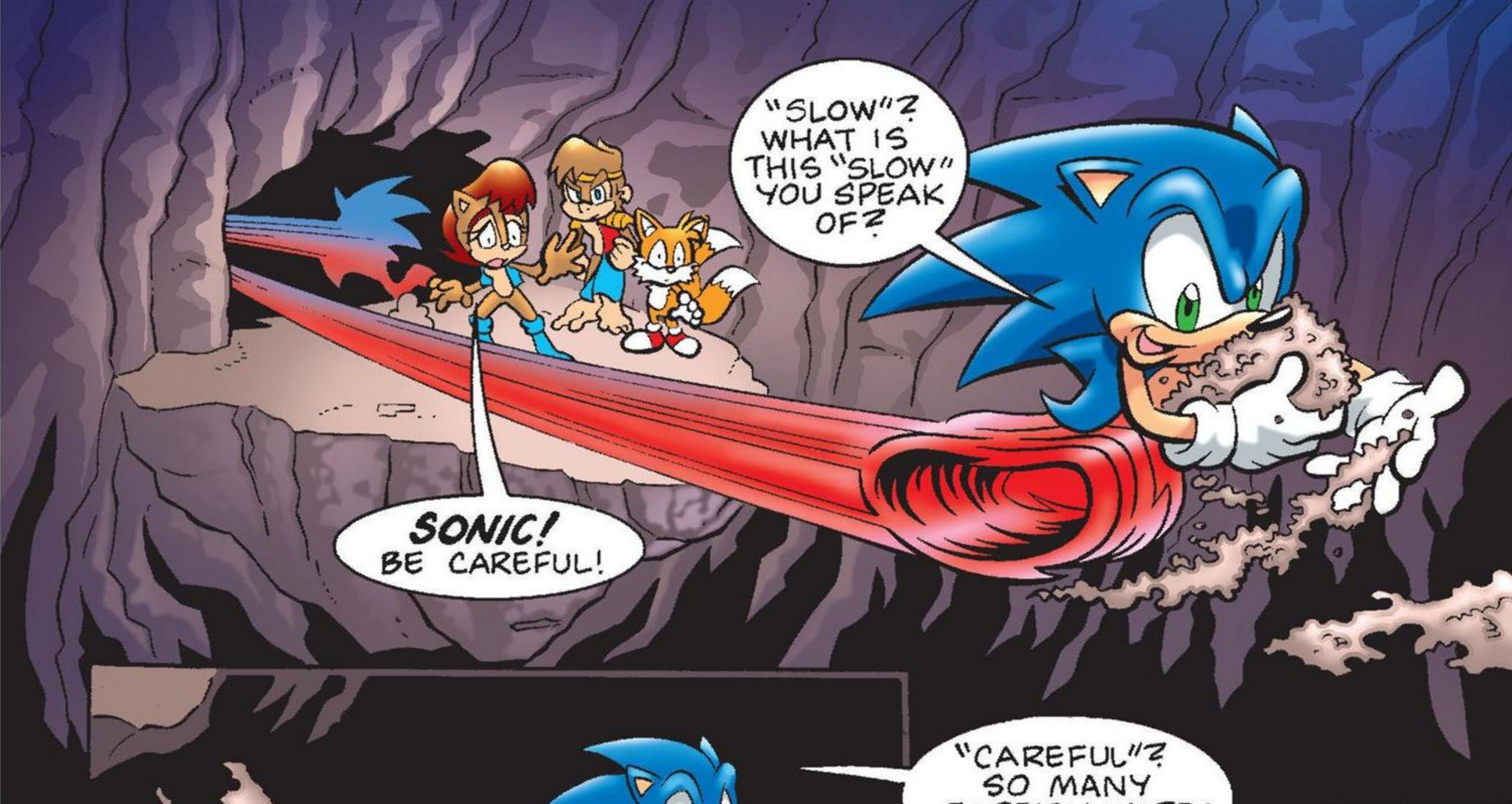
DON'T
WORRY, SONIC,
I CAN FLY US
ACROSS!



NO, YOU
CAN'T...

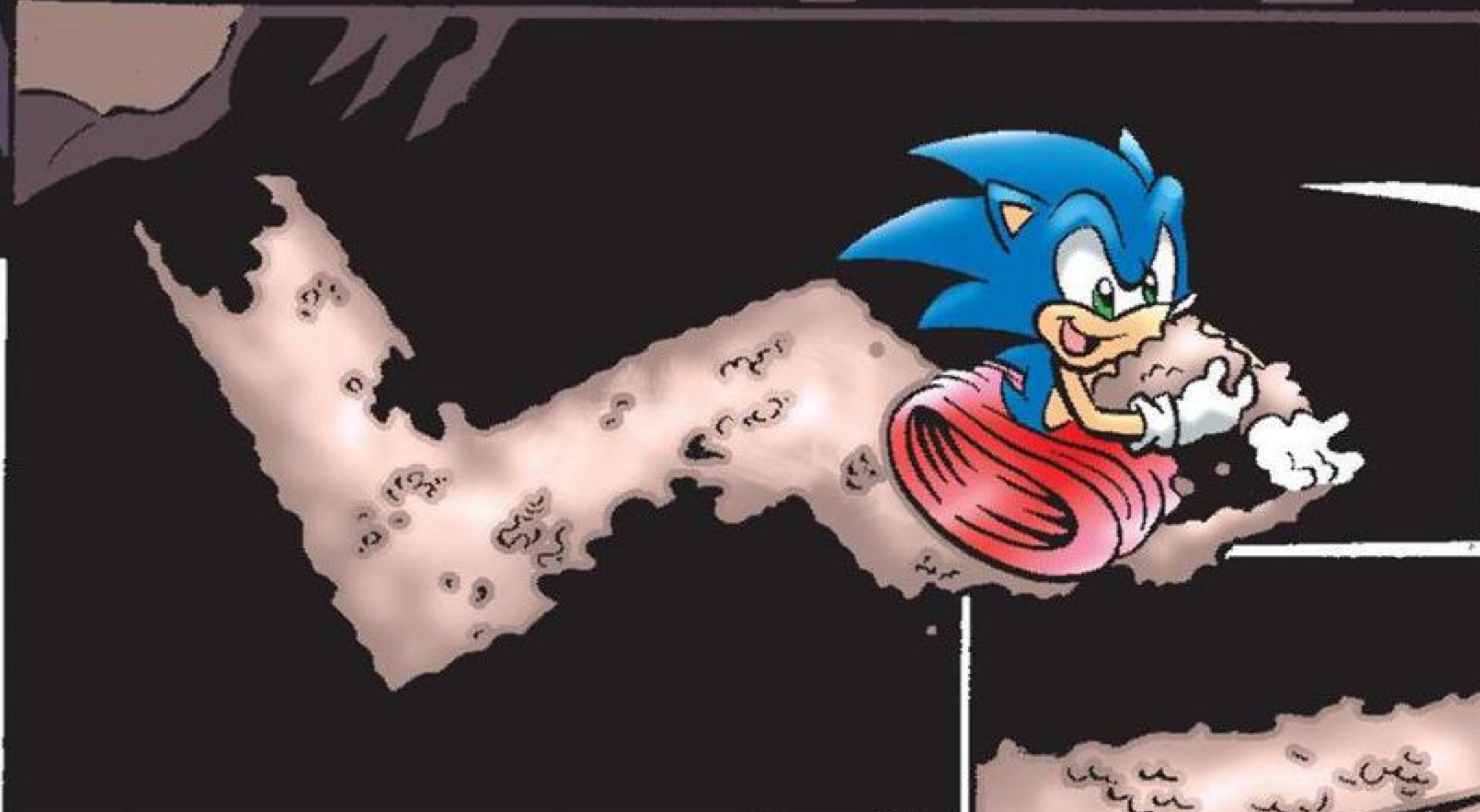




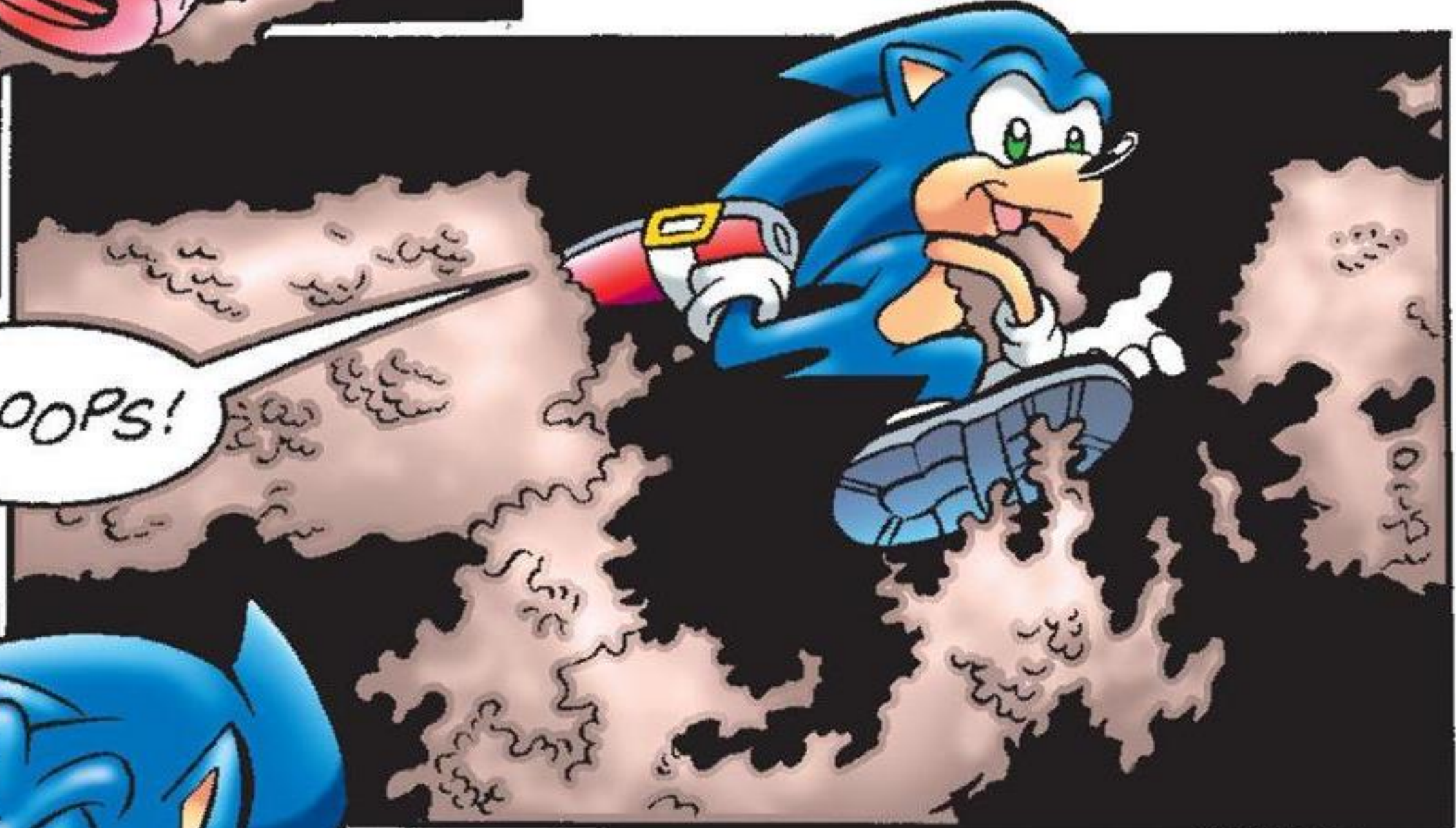


"SLOW"?
WHAT IS
THIS "SLOW"
YOU SPEAK
OF?

SONIC!
BE CAREFUL!



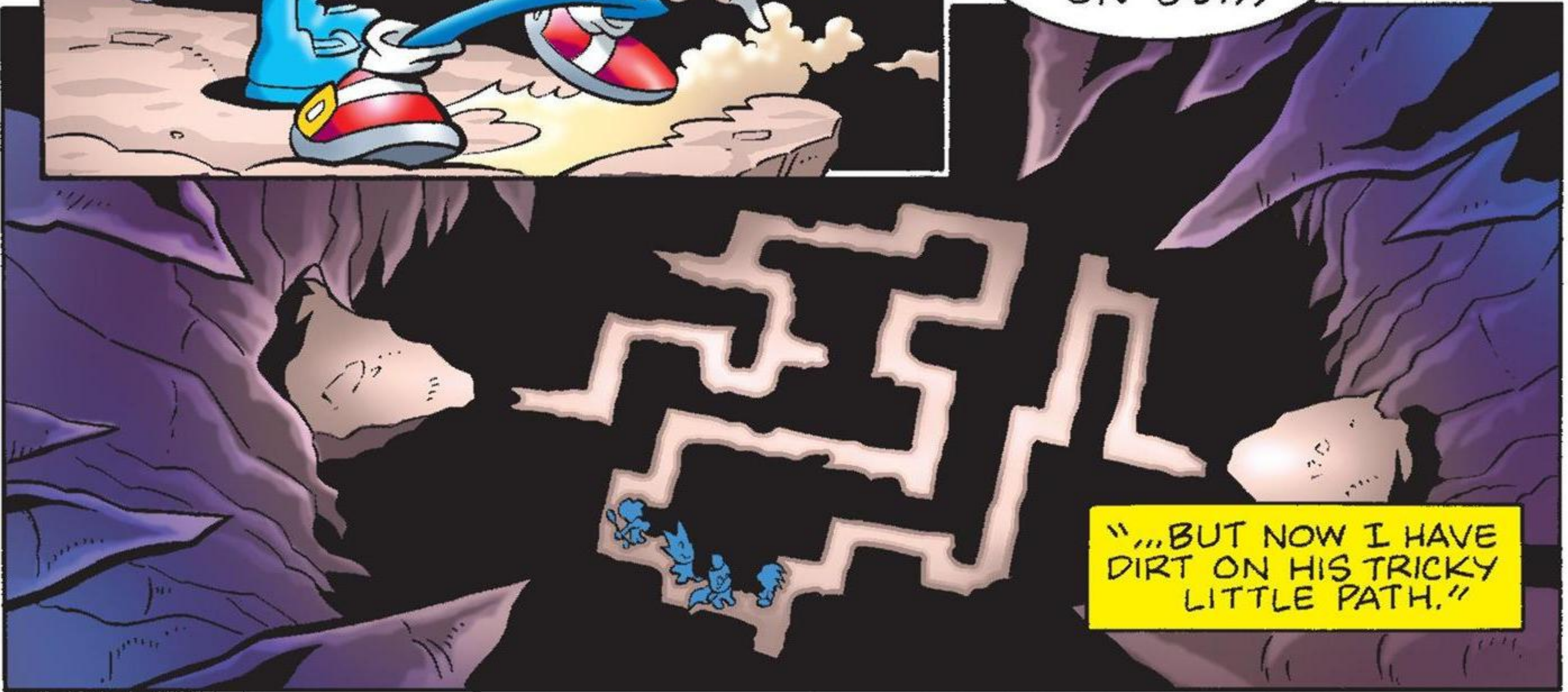
"CAREFUL"?
SO MANY
FOREIGN WORDS
TODAY!



WHOOOPS!



ESPIO
MAY HAVE HAD
SOME "DIRT"
ON US...

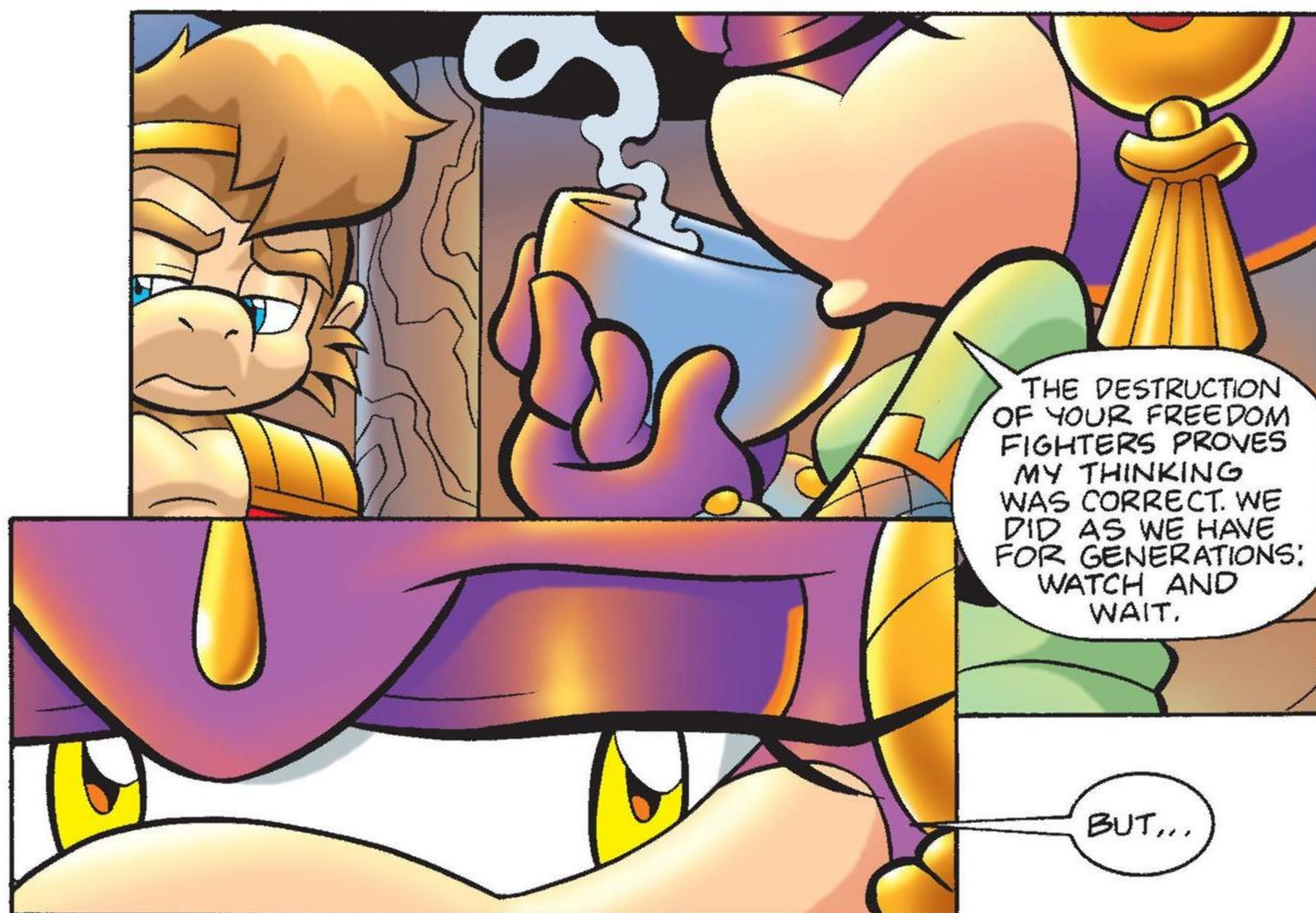


"...BUT NOW I HAVE
DIRT ON HIS TRICKY
LITTLE PATH."











SOMETIMES
ACTION MUST BE
TAKEN.

ESPIO HAS
SHOWN ME THIS
BY DEVIATING SO
GREATLY FROM HIS
MISSION.



WHAT
MISSION?

WE ALL
THOUGHT HE
WAS A NATIVE TO
ANGEL ISLAND.



WELL...
WITH YOUR
PERMISSION?



SPEAK.



I WAS
THE MOST RECENT
SENT TO MONITOR
THE GUARDIAN OF
ANGEL ISLAND.



YOU MEAN
YOU WERE SPYING
ON KNUCKLES
THIS WHOLE
TIMEZ?

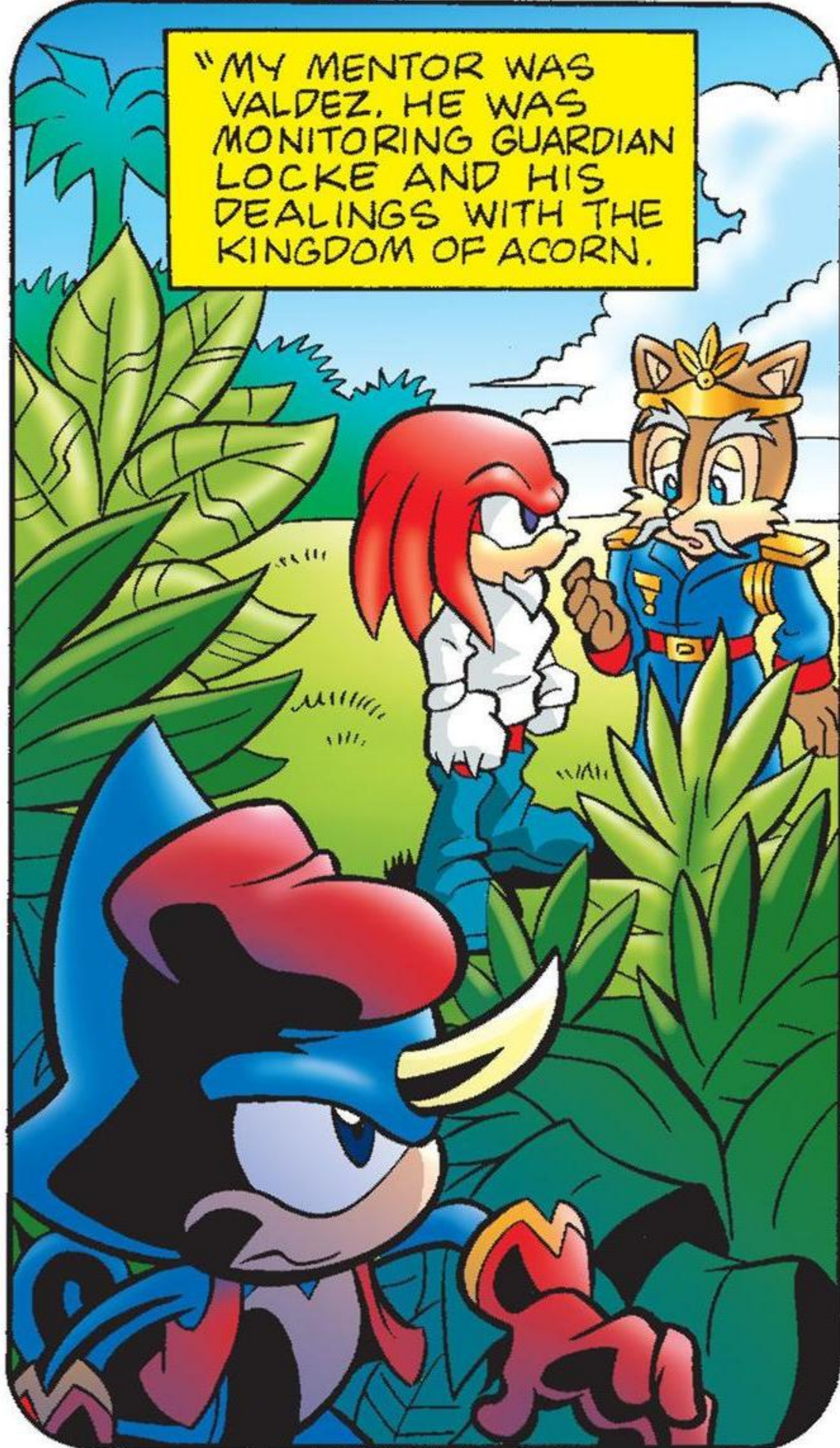
MORE
OR LESS.

KNUCKLES
COMES FROM A LONG
LINE OF GUARDIANS CALLED
THE "BROTHERHOOD." THE
BROTHERHOOD TOOK IT
UPON THEMSELVES TO
MONITOR MOBIUS FOR
THREATS AGAINST
ANGEL ISLAND.



MY CLAN
DIDN'T THINK SUCH
A POWERFUL, SPECIES-CENTRIC
ORGANIZATION SHOULD
GO UNCHECKED.

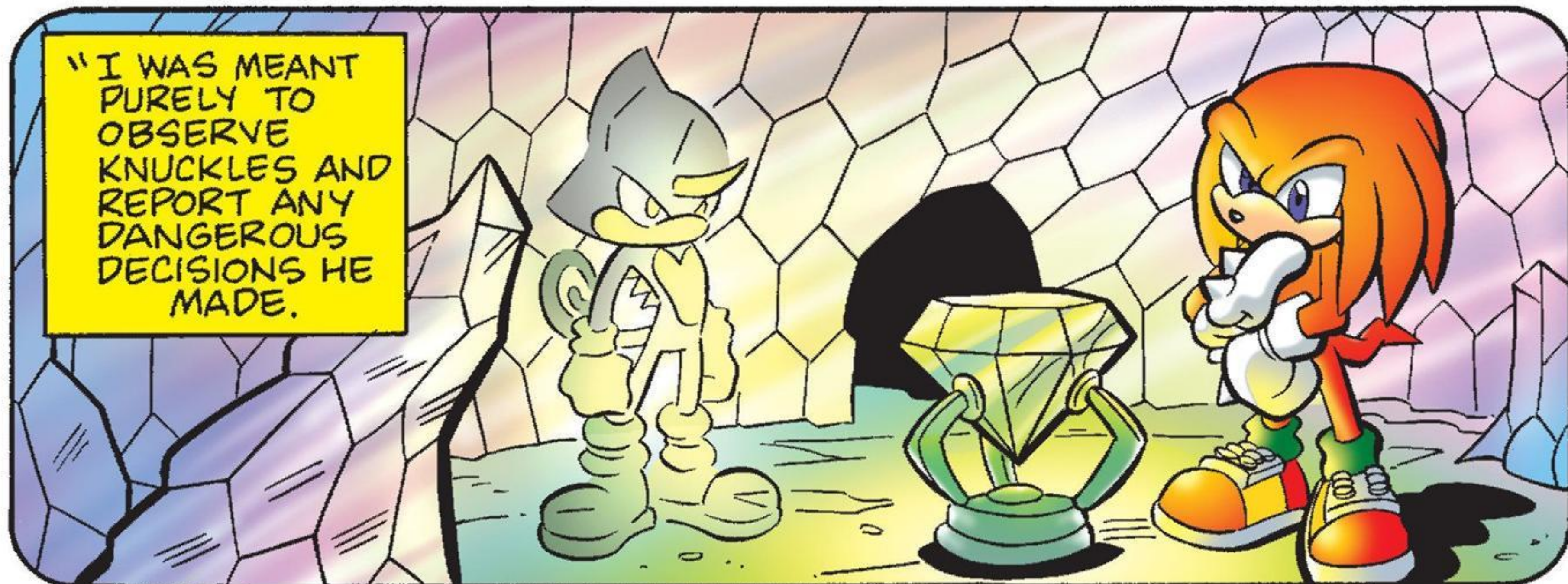
EACH GENERATION,
ONE OF US IS CHOSEN TO
KEEP TRACK OF THE
ACTIVE GUARDIAN TO
PROTECT MOBIUS.



"MY MENTOR WAS
VALDEZ. HE WAS
MONITORING GUARDIAN
LOCKE AND HIS
DEALINGS WITH THE
KINGDOM OF ACORN."



"HE HELPED ME
SETTLE IN RAINBOW
VALLEY AND BUILD
MY IDENTITY AS
JUST ANOTHER LOCAL."



"I WAS MEANT
PURELY TO
OBSERVE
KNUCKLES AND
REPORT ANY
DANGEROUS
DECISIONS HE
MADE."

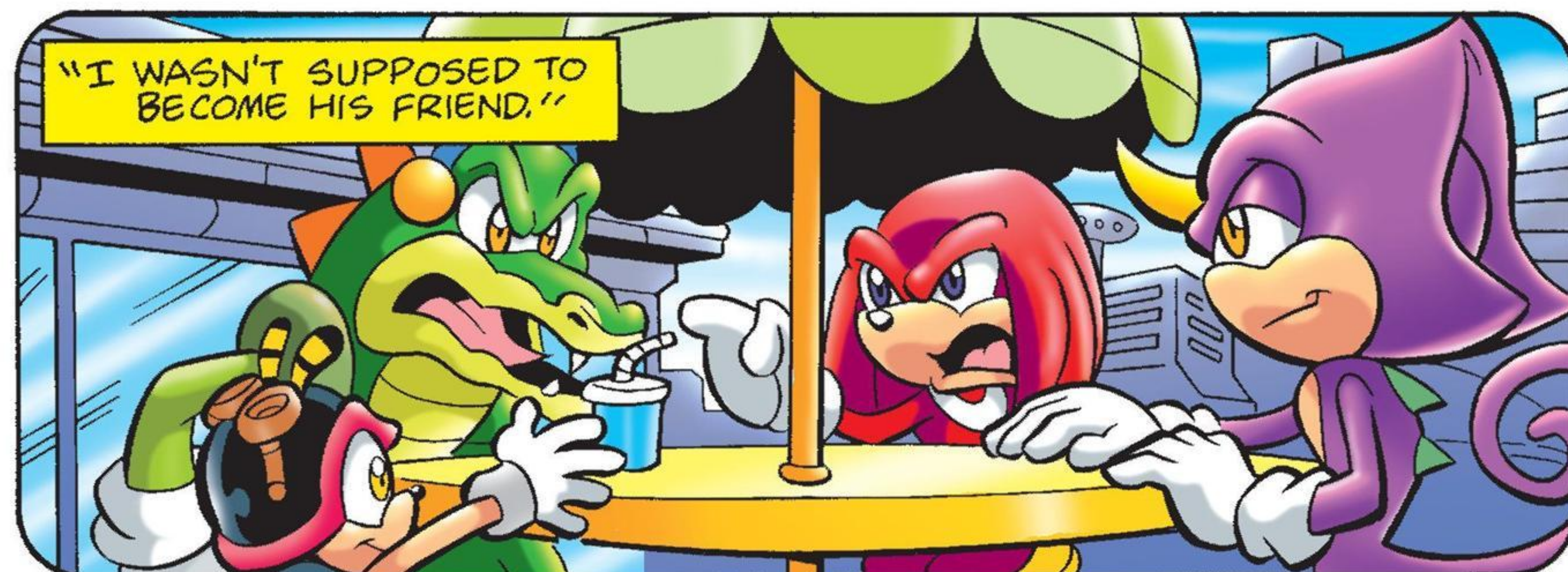


"I WAS ONLY ALLOWED
TO REVEAL MYSELF
IF THE SITUATION
WAS DIRE-- SUCH
AS WHEN
DR. ROBOTNIK
CAPTURED YOU ALL
ON ANGEL ISLAND.*"

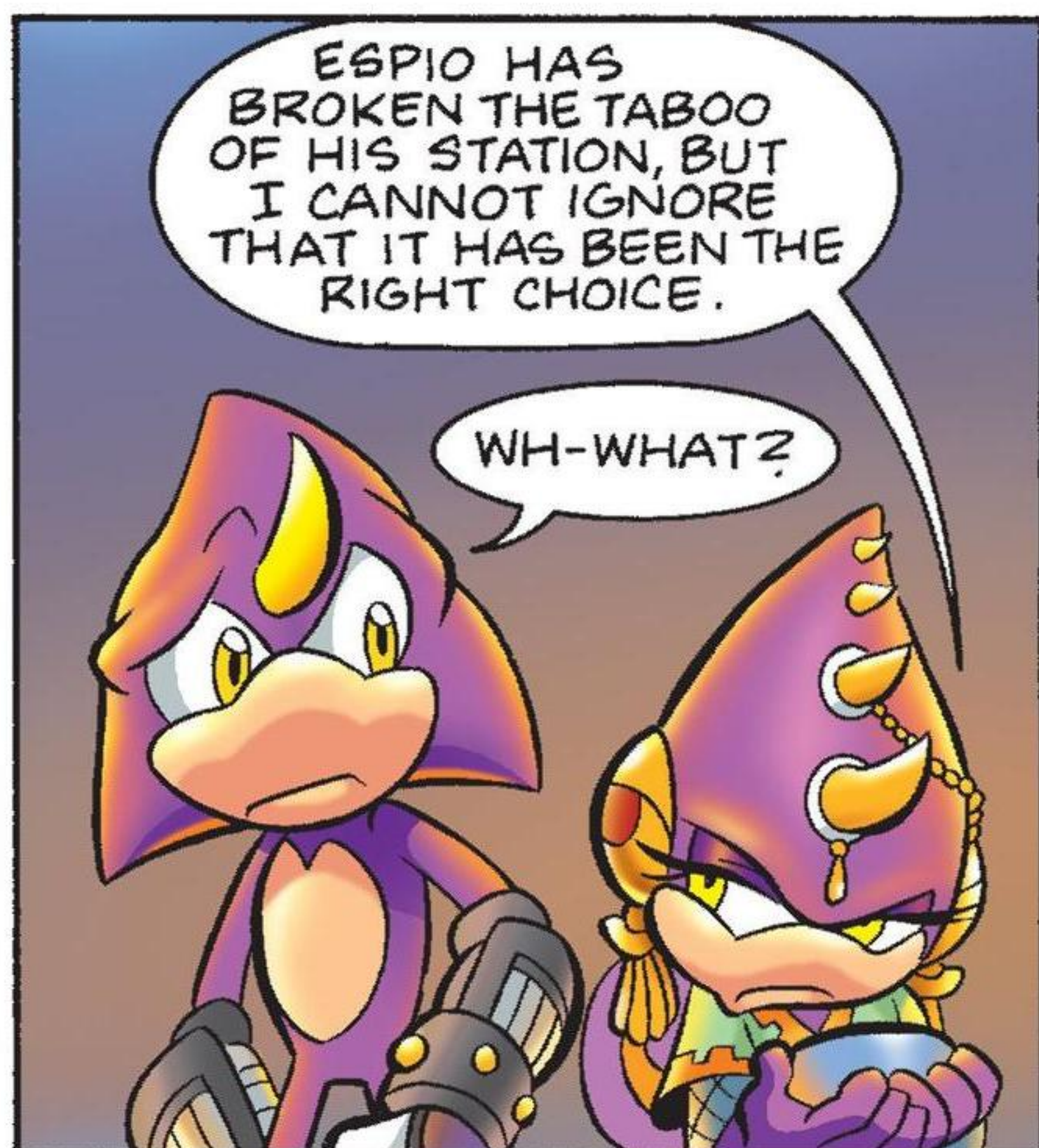
*SEE THE CLASSIC TALE
IN SONIC SELECT VOL.2

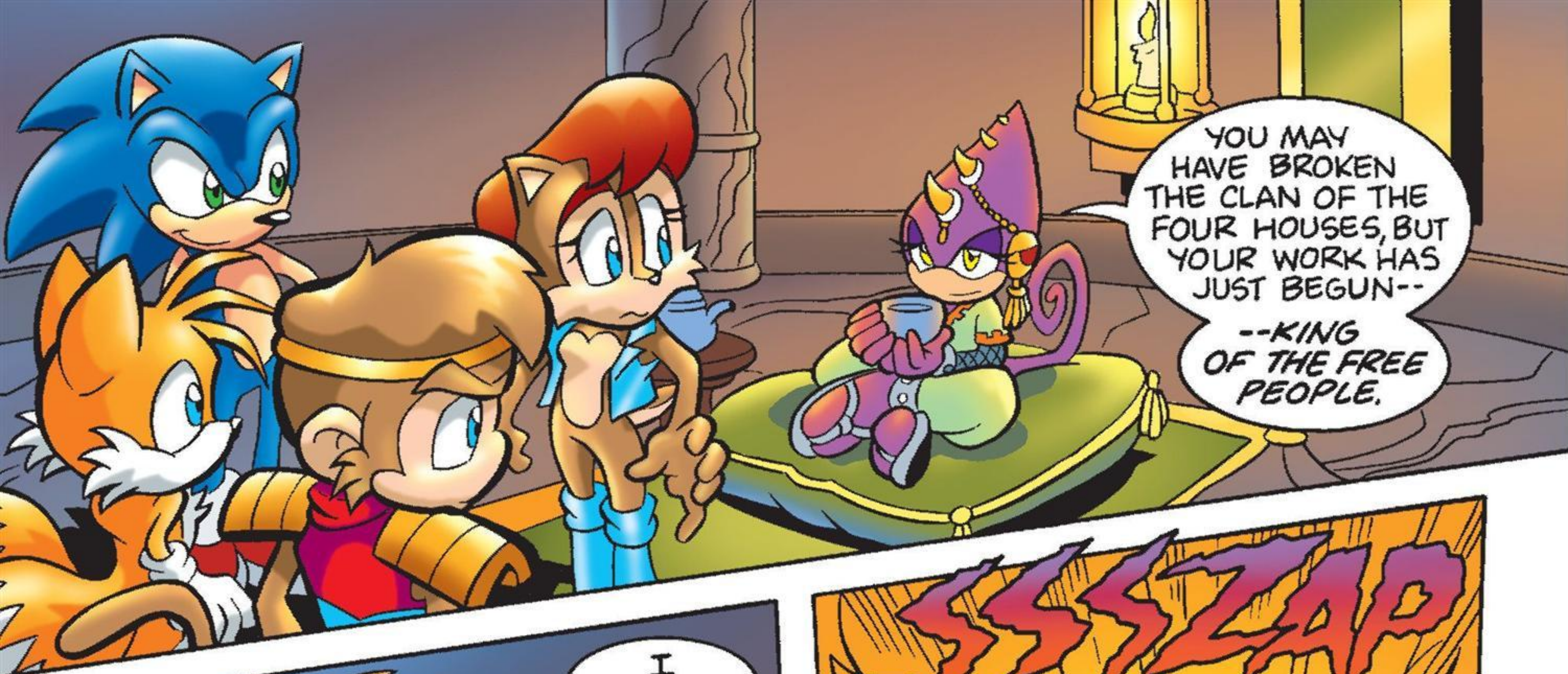


"I WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH HIM.
I WASN'T
SUPPOSED TO
JOIN THE
CHAOTIX."

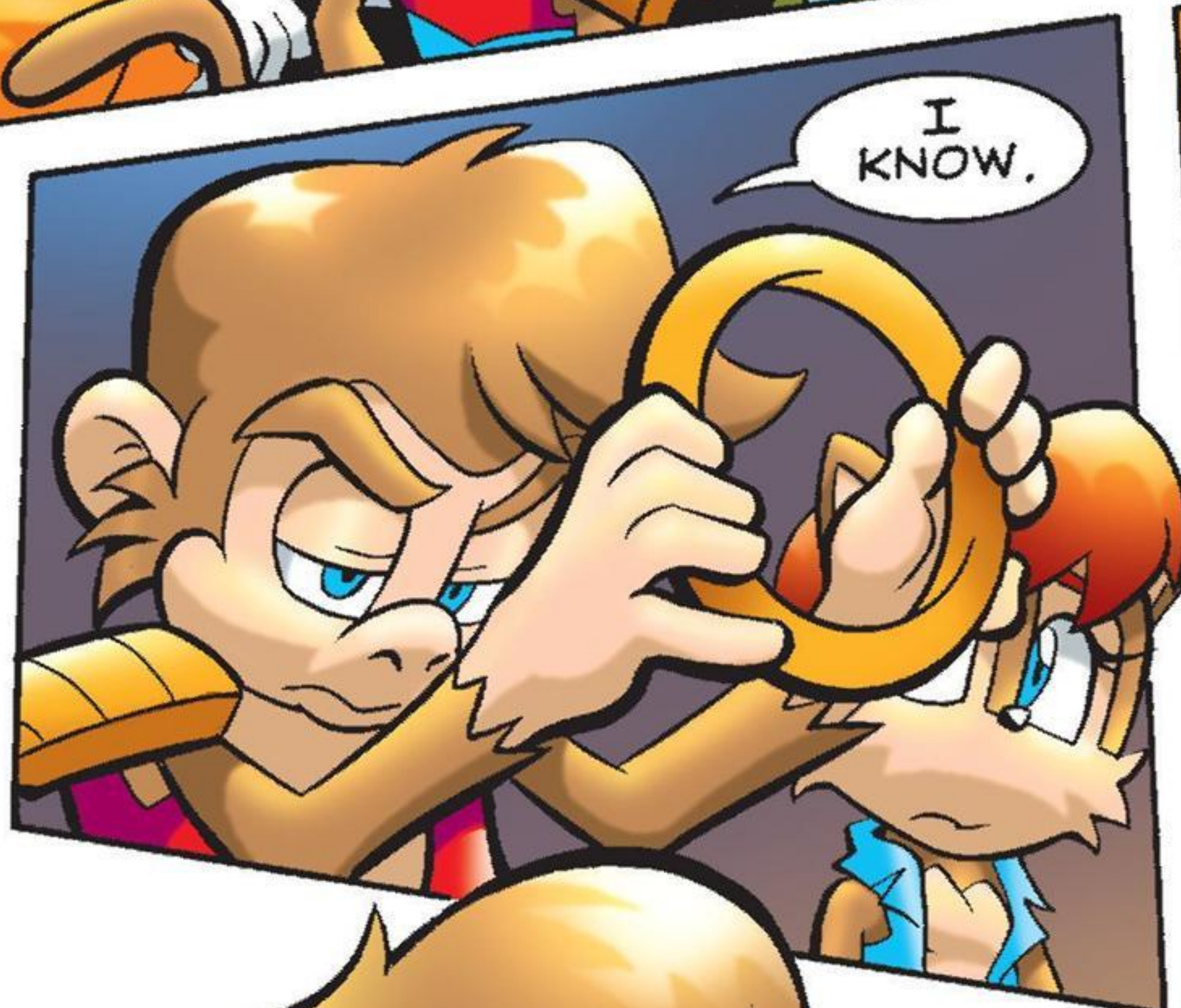


"I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO
BECOME HIS FRIEND."





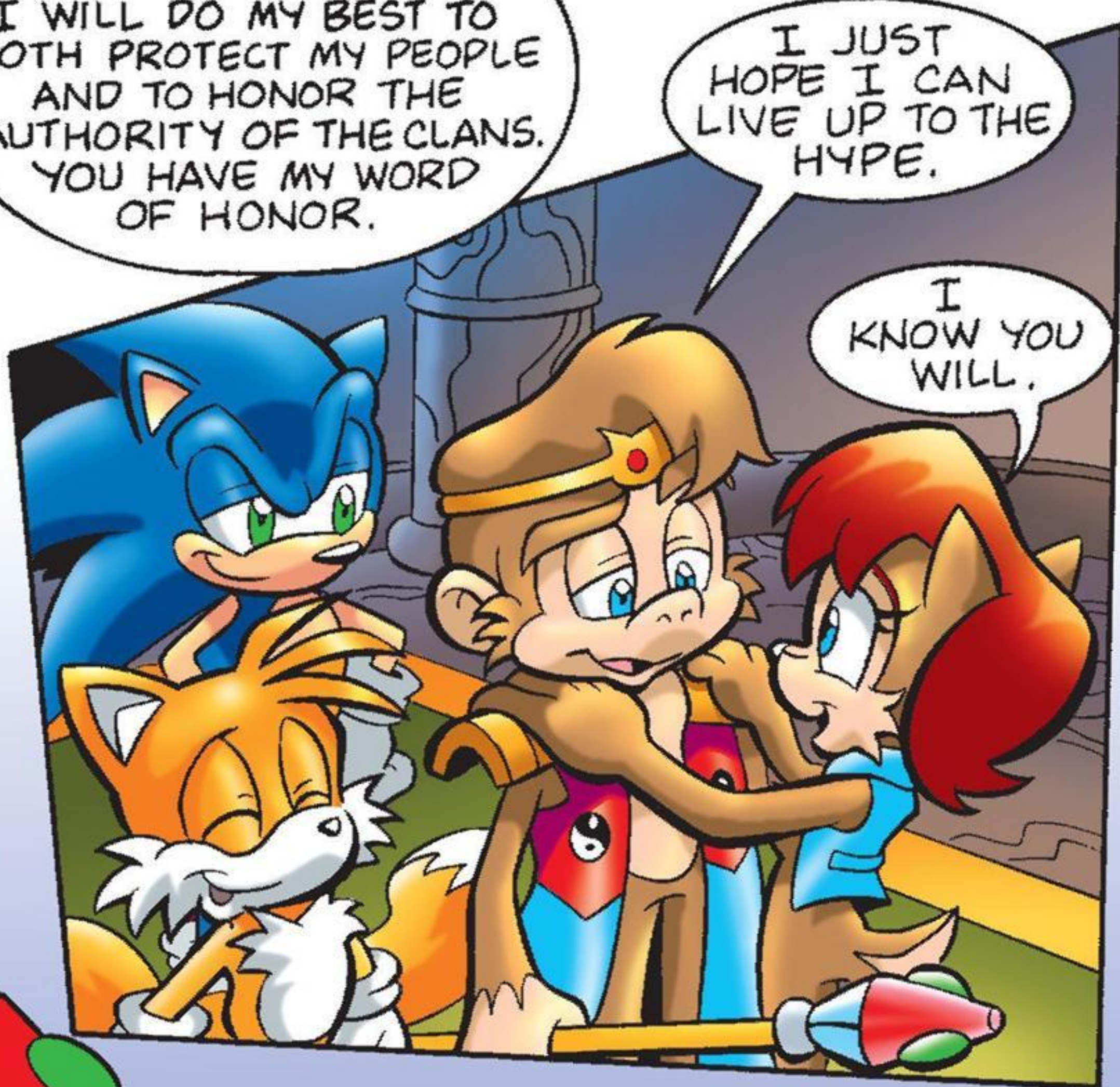
YOU MAY
HAVE BROKEN
THE CLAN OF THE
FOUR HOUSES, BUT
YOUR WORK HAS
JUST BEGUN--
--KING
OF THE FREE
PEOPLE.



I
KNOW.



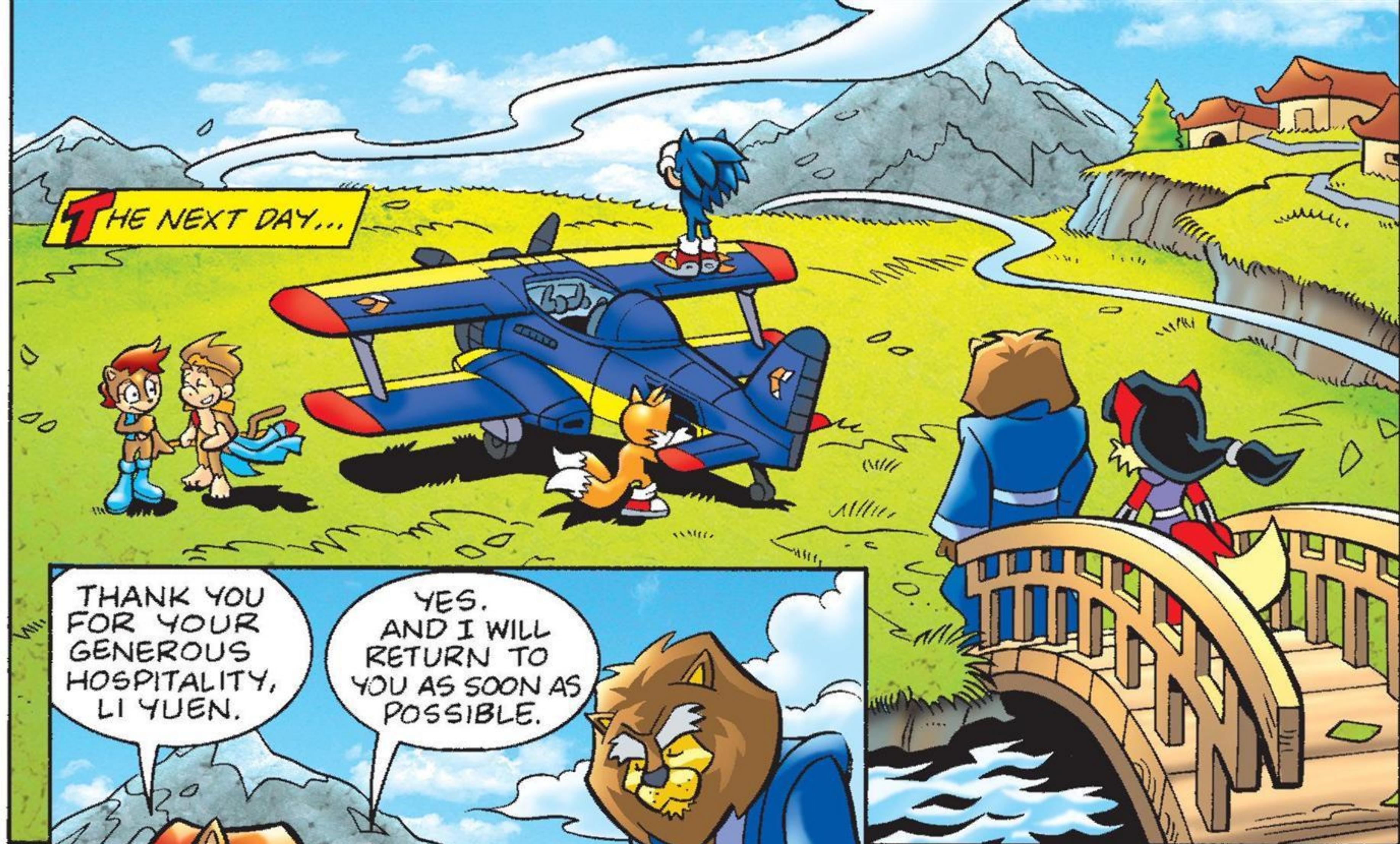
WITH THIS
CROWN, I SWEAR
I WILL DO MY BEST TO
BOTH PROTECT MY PEOPLE
AND TO HONOR THE
AUTHORITY OF THE CLANS.
YOU HAVE MY WORD
OF HONOR.



I JUST
HOPE I CAN
LIVE UP TO THE
HYPE.

I
KNOW YOU
WILL.





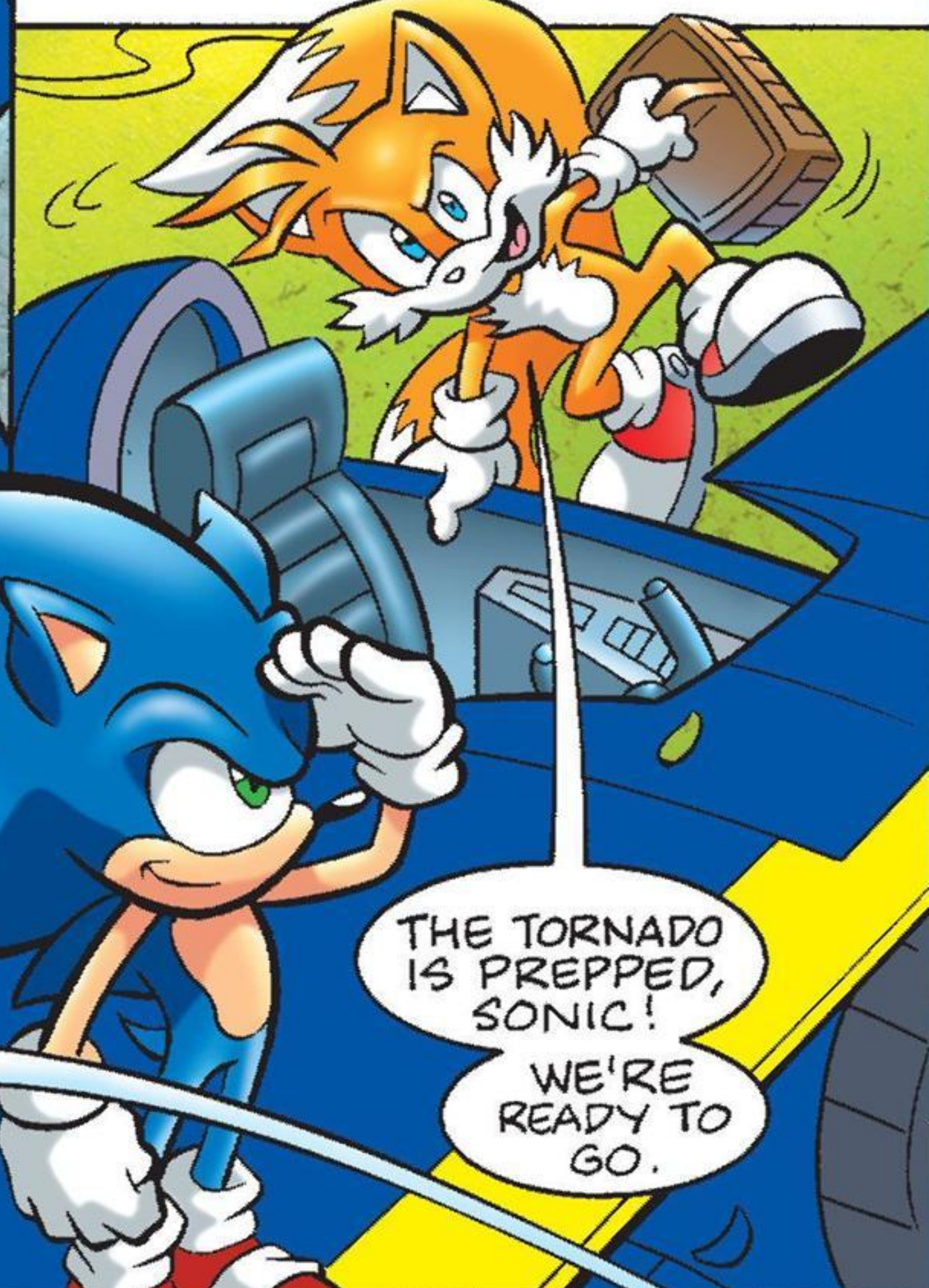
THE NEXT DAY...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY, LI YUEN.

YES. AND I WILL RETURN TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



IT HAS BEEN THE HONOR OF MY VILLAGE, AND EVEN MORE MYSELF, TO HOST SUCH ESTEEMED YOUNG PEOPLE. I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL RETURN TO US, VICTORIOUS.



THE TORNADO IS PREPPED, SONIC!
WE'RE READY TO GO.



FEELING A BIT MORE CONFIDENT THAN WHEN WE LANDED?

MUCH MORE. LET'S GO SAVE THE DAY.



THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
LET'S DO IT TO IT!

A full-page comic illustration featuring Sonic the Hedgehog, Tails, and Knuckles flying on a blue and yellow jet plane with red-tipped wings. Amy Rose is also on the plane, hanging on. The plane is flying over a rocky, mountainous landscape with green patches. Sonic is in the cockpit, pointing forward. Tails is behind him, and Knuckles is hanging off the back. Amy is hanging from the top of the plane. The sky is blue with white clouds.

NEXT STOP--
NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS!

HANG ON,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS,
THE CAVALRY IS
ON THE WAY!

The adventure
continues in
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